

This I Believe (Final Draft)

“Do Not Judge A Book By Its Cover”

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When I first came into the school, I was alone. I was desperate to make friends. I did not want to be left out.

My first chance came during the CCA auditions when I met Crystal. Crystal seemed like a rather friendly person, someone whom I would make friends with. However, I was too shy to pick up the courage to approach her.

My chance came again when we were both accepted into the same CCA. I was extremely excited and was prepared to get to know her. Yet, she had already found her own companion, Janice. Not wanting to break them up, I made friends with Rachelle.

This was the status quo until our first election for our level-in-charge. Janice was appointed as our level-in-charge. Everybody was elated. We were certain that Janice would make a good leader. However, Crystal was fuming mad. I was confused. Shouldn't Crystal be happy for Janice?

Curious, I asked Crystal what had happened. She threw me a pitiful look and replied, “You know, I hinted Janice to nominate me for level-in-charge, but she forgot about it. Look at how happy she is now, so happy, she forgot all about me!”

I had always believed in keeping to our promises. Thinking that Janice broke her promise, I took pity for Crystal. A simple “comforting session” ended up as the downhill course of my friendship with Rachelle. I spent a lot of time with Crystal as I knew how it felt to be alone. However, I realised that Crystal badmouthed about people, and she especially liked talking about Rachelle. Lies, all lies. However, I was not aware then. I slowly grew apart from Rachelle.

My friendship with Rachelle would have ended if it had not been for an overseas CCA trip. For the trip, we were to look for a partner. I took for granted that Crystal would pair up with me, but to my surprise, Crystal was pairing up with Janice. How could she leave me just like that? Had she thought about how I would feel?

Reluctantly, I paired up with Rachelle. She was my only choice. During the first few days of the trip, I felt rather uncomfortable with Rachelle. I mean, I was the one who “abandoned” her. I wondered if she felt the same way as I did when Crystal threw me aside. Luckily, as time passed, the awkwardness faded away.

Everything seemed to be going fine until Rachelle questioned me on why I had been avoiding her. I told her frankly about what was going on and the things that

Crystal told me about her. Instead of being angry, Rachelle smiled and said, "I see, I almost thought that I did something wrong..." I was grateful, grateful that Rachelle was willing to forgive me after all I did to her.

Looks can be deceiving. Crystal may seem like a pleasant person at first sight, but who knows what is going on inside her or what motives she has behind everything she is doing?

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